

Surah 66 Surah Tahreem

THE PROHIBITION

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH TAHREEM AND THE PRECEDING SURAHS

Each of the two central themes of *Surah Hadeed* (spending in Allaah's way and Jihaad) has been discussed individually in all the Surahs after *Surah Hadeed*. *Surah Tahreem* also deals with both these themes.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This Surah contains the following:

- * An introduction.
- * Prohibition of actions that are displeasing to Allaah.
- * An address to the *Mu'mineen*.
- * Spending in Allaah's path.
- * The command of Jihaad.
- * Examples of the *Mu'mineen* and the *Kuffaar*.

سُوْرَةُ التَّحْرِيمِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ ثِنْتَا عَشْرَةَ آيَةً وَفِيهَا ثَمَانُونَ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ لِمَ تُحَرِّمُ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكَ تَبْتَغِي مَرْضَاتَ أَزْوَاجِكَ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ①

1. (Referring to a specific incident in the life of Rasulullaah ﷺ when he took an oath to declare something unlawful for himself, Allaah says,) O Nabi ﷺ! In seeking the pleasure of your wives, why do you declare unlawful that which Allaah has made lawful for you? Allaah is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful (and Allaah is merely advising you out of His mercy and not rebuking you at all).

قَدْ فَرَضَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ تَحِلَّةَ أَيْمَانِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ مَوْلَاكُمْ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ②

2. Allaah has ordained (decreed) that you release yourselves from your oaths (such as this one and pay the relevant Kaffaara). Allaah is your Protecting Friend and He is the All Knowing, the Wise.

وَإِذْ أَسَرَّ النَّبِيُّ إِلَى بَعْضِ أَزْوَاجِهِ حَدِيثًا فَلَمَّا نَبَّأَتْ بِهِ وَأَظْهَرَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَرَفَ بَعْضُهُ وَأَعْرَضَ عَنْ بَعْضٍ فَلَمَّا نَبَّأَهَا بِهِ قَالَتْ مَنْ أَنْبَاكَ هَذَا قَالَ تَبَّأَنِ الْعَلِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ ③

3. (The incident deserves mention) When the Nabi ﷺ whispered (confided) something to one of his wives and she informed (another of his wives) about it. When Allaah disclosed this to him, he made a part of it (his knowledge of the incident) known (to her) and ignored a part of it (to save her from added embarrassment). When he informed her about it, she exclaimed, "Who told you about it?" He replied, "The All Knowing, The Informed One told me."

إِنْ تَتُوبَا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ صَغَتْ قُلُوبُكُمَا وَإِنْ تَظَاهَرَا عَلَيْهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ مَوْلَاهُ وَجِبْرِيلُ وَصَالِحُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهِيرٌ ④

4. If the two of you (Hafsa and Aa'isha, two wives of Rasulullaah ﷺ) repent to Allaah, then your hearts have surely turned (turned back towards the best course after straying for a while.). However, if you two assist each other against him (Rasulullaah ﷺ), then his protecting friends are Allaah, Jibra'eel عليه السلام and the pious Mu'mineen. Besides these, the angels are also his assistants. (It is obvious that none can harm the person who has so many powerful beings to assist him.)

عَسَىٰ رَبُّهُ أَنْ طَلَّقَكُنْ أَنْ يُبْدِلَهُ أَزْوَاجًا خَيْرًا مِنْكُنَّ مُسْلِمَاتٍ مُؤْمِنَاتٍ قَنَاطَاتٍ تَزِدُّنَّ عِبَادَ
سَبِّحْتَ تَبَّتْ وَأَبْكَرًا ⑤

5. If he (Rasulullaah ﷺ) has to divorce all of you (wives), then his Rabb shall certainly replace you with wives better than yourselves who will be Muslims, Mu'minaat, obedient, repentant, worshippers, women who fast, previously married women and virgins.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ
لَّا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ⑥

6. O you who have Imaan! Save yourselves and your families from the Fire (of Jahannam), the fuel of which is people and stones. Harsh (uncompromising) and (extremely) strong angels (who feel no pity) are appointed over it (the fire to watch over those being punished) who never disobey what Allaah commands them and who carry out exactly what they are instructed (to do). (The people of Jahannam therefore have no way of convincing these angels to lessen their punishment.)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَعْتَذِرُوا الْيَوْمَ إِنَّمَا تُجْرُونَ مَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ⑦

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7. (The Kuffaar will then be told) "O you who commit kufr! Do not make excuses today. You are being punished only for what (sins) you have carried out (what you are receiving today is only what you deserve)."

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً تَوْصِهَا عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيُدْخِلَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرَى
مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ يَوْمَ لَا يُخْزِي اللَّهُ النَّبِيَّ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ نُورُهُمْ يَسْعَىٰ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا نُورَنَا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ⑧

8. O you who have Imaan! Sincerely repent to Allaah (repent with a firm resolve never to repeat the wrong). Soon your Rabb shall cancel (forgive) your sins (after repentance) and enter you into Jannaat beneath which rivers flow. On that day (of Qiyaamah) Allaah shall not disgrace (degrade) the Nabi ﷺ and the Mu'mineen with him. Their light shall travel ahead of them (guiding them across the Bridge of Siraat) and on their right (and left)-hand side. They will say, "O our Rabb! Keep our light burning for us until the end (so that it does not fail us midway) and forgive us. Verily You have power over everything."

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ جَاهِدِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَاغْلُظْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَا أُوهُمْ جَهَنَّمَ وَيْسَ الْمَصِيرِ ⑨

9. O Nabi ﷺ! Strive (with your sword, tongue and pen) against the Kuffaar and the Munaafiqeen (using all resources available) and be stern with them. Their abode is Jahannam. What an evil abode indeed!

ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا امْرَأَتَ نُوحٍ وَامْرَأَتَ لُوطٍ كَانَتَا تَحْتَ عَبْدَيْنِ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا صَالِحِينَ
فَخَانَتَهُمَا فَلَمْ يُغْنِيَا عَنْهُمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَقِيلَ ادْخُلَا النَّارَ مَعَ الدَّٰخِلِينَ ⑩

10. For the (benefit of the) Kuffaar Allaah gives the example of the wife of Nooh عليه السلام and the wife of Loot عليه السلام. They were both in the marriage of (under the care of) two pious men of My bondsmen (servants) but they betrayed them (by failing to accept Imaan). So they (Nooh عليه السلام and Loot عليه السلام) were of no assistance to their wives against (the punishment of) Allaah (despite their closeness) and the two (women) will be told (in the Akhirah), “Enter the Fire (of Jahannam) with those (Kuffaar who are) entering.”

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا امْرَأَتَ فِرْعَوْنَ إِذْ قَالَتْ رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي
مِنْ فِرْعَوْنَ وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ⑪

11. For (the benefit of) the Mu'mineen, Allaah gives the example of the wife of Fir'oun (her name was Aasiya bint Mazaahim and she accepted Imaan) when she said (as Fir'oun was torturing her to death by nailing the hands and feet), “O my Rabb! Build for me a home by (close to) You in Jannah and save me from Fir'oun, from his actions and save me from the oppressive nation (the Kuffaar).”

وَمَرْيَمَ ابْنَتَ عِمْرَانَ الَّتِي أَحْصَنَتْ فَرْجَهَا فَنَفَخْنَا فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِنَا وَصَدَّقَتْ بِكَلِمَاتِ رَبِّهَا وَكُنْتِ
مِنَ الْغَاثِينَ ⑫

12. (For the Mu'mineen, Allaah also gives the example of) Maryam the daughter of Imraan who guarded (restrained) her chastity (from Halaal and Haraam) and into whom We blew Our spirit (the soul We created, causing her to fall pregnant with Isa عليه السلام). She believed in (knew) the words of her Rabb in His scriptures and she was among the obedient (those who were steadfast in service and obedience to Allaah).